

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111
Serial No. 09/956,899
Attorney Docket No. 990377D

REMARKS

Claims 13 and 15 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 13 and 15 have been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005.

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has still failed to consider the IDS filed on September 21, 2001 by the Applicant. As such, it is requested that the Examiner properly consider such IDS and provide Applicant with an initialled copy of the accompanied PTO Form-1449 filed with the IDS on September 21, 2001.

As to the Merits:

As to the merits of this case, the Examiner relies on the newly cited reference of Urabe (U.S. Patent No. 6,125,282) in setting forth the following rejection:

claims 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Naoki et al. (JP 09 – 259391, of record) in view of Urabe.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 13, as amended, now calls for *an apparatus, comprising: an information processing apparatus having a plurality of different communication controlling applications; and a processing apparatus operatively coupled between a communication equipment and ~~an~~ said information processing apparatus, said processing apparatus including; an identifying part configured to identify a type of the communication equipment and to output an identification signal corresponding to the identified type of the communication equipment, said type of communication equipment including a mobile communication protocol and a Personal Handyphone System communication protocol; and a switching part configured to switch the communication protocol prestored for each type of the communication equipment, based on the identification signal, wherein said information processing apparatus selects a communication controlling application based on the identified type of the communication equipment.*

For example, as discussed in the bridging paragraph between pages 24 and 25 of the present specification, when the OS of the personal computer 1 (information processing apparatus) is notified of the type of the identified portable telephone 3 (communication equipment), which is coupled to the personal computer 1 via the DCE 2, the OS selects a communication controlling application ap1 or ap2 depending on the type

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of portable telephone 3 (i.e., mobile telephone set or PHS telephone set) coupled to the DCE 2.

It is noted that the communication equipment 1 of Naoki is coupled to the functional expansion unit 3, which the Examiner is relying on to teach the information processing apparatus feature of claim 13.

However, Naoki does not disclose or fairly suggest that the functional expansion unit 3 selects a communication controlling application based on the identified type of the telephone set.

In other words, it is respectfully submitted that Naoki fails to disclose or fairly suggest the features of claim 13, as amended, concerning *an information processing apparatus having a plurality of different communication controlling applications ... wherein said information processing apparatus selects a communication controlling application based on the identified type of the communication equipment.*

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that Urabe fails to disclose or fairly suggest the above-note drawbacks and deficiencies of Naoki.

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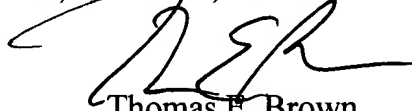
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant submits that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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